



# Winter Springs High School (WSHS)

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## A Word From Our Principal

We are excited to welcome you to our community at Winter Springs High School, and we strive to continue delivering an exceptional education and opportunities to our students. This school report outlines the key characteristics of our school from both an academic and non-academic perspective. I hope it helps you understand what makes Winter Springs unique. Please reach out to us if you have any questions about our school.

*Peter Gaffney*

### Advanced Placement Test Performance 2015-2016 Data



Winter Springs High School administered 1443 Advanced Placement exams in 29 courses during the 2015-16 school year (**at no cost** to students). The most popular AP courses are English Language and Composition, Psychology, US History, English Literature and Composition, and Human Geography.

WSHS had an average **pass rate of 59%** on AP exams. For comparison, the Florida pass rate was 51%, and the national pass rate was 57%.

### SAT Scores 2015-2016 Data



All juniors and seniors at WSHS get an opportunity to take the SAT **at no cost**.

The average Winter Springs High School SAT score is **1542** out of 2400, which puts it in the top 30% of public high schools in Central Florida.

### PSAT Scores 2015-2016 Data



WSHS students in 9-11th grade have an opportunity to take the PSAT **at no cost**.

WSHS 10th graders had an average PSAT score of **936** out of 1600, which puts it in the top 30% of public high schools in Central Florida.

### College Acceleration and Workforce Readiness 2015-2016 Data

**53%** of WSHS students take some form of acceleration (college-level classes or industry certifications).

WSHS also offers **11 industry certifications**. Some of the most popular ones are Photoshop (Creative Cloud 2015 or later), Certified Food Protection Manager (ServSafe®), and Premiere Pro. In total, students earned **656 industry certifications**.



### Graduation Success 2015-2016 Data



Winter Springs High School had a **85%** graduation rate.

During the 2016-2017 academic year, WSHS had over **181 Bright Futures** recipients, totalling over **\$5,721,279** in scholarships.

### State Assessments

Winter Springs High School earned a B grade from the Florida DOE in 2017.



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- WSHS has an enrollment of 2,384 students & is recognized as one of America's Most Challenging High Schools by the Washington Post.
- We offer programs such as Renewable Energy, IB, Digital and Web Design, and Hospitality and Tourism.
- In 2016, 32% of WSHS seniors qualified for Bright Futures and earned over \$5.7 million in scholarships.
- We are the state leader in passing Adobe industry certification tests. WSHS also offers Dual Enrollment Courses on-site.
- In 2016/17, WSHS offered 32 different Advanced Placement classes (AP) and administered 1,462 AP exams.
- WSHS offers many courses catering to the arts, such as award winning band, chorus, theater, and latin programs.
- We offer 12+ clubs & 30+ athletic programs. Our Girls Cross Country, Girls Volleyball & Wrestling teams are all highly ranked in the state.



WSHS is in the **top 50%** of all high schools in Florida by niche.com



Recognized as one of **America's Most Challenging High Schools** by the Washington Post

56% of student respondents would recommend WSHS



72% of parent respondents would recommend WSHS



In the eyes of students and parents, here's what makes WSHS uniquely positive within SCPS:

great/cool/nice teachers and challenging classes  
 opportunity to make good friends  
 block scheduling is awesome



performing arts programs including theater, band and chorus  
 amazing latin program  
 freshman seminar and the Bear Academy

Here's what students and parents say they like about WSHS:

" I like the teachers and their flexibility to different students' teaching style preferences. "

9th grade student

" I like the digital informational classes. "

10th grade student

" I like that we have two block days, & some of the teachers who understand we have a life out of school. "

11th grade student

" The teachers are phenomenal, supportive, and genuinely kind-hearted. They seem to be authentically interested in the fate of each of their students. "

12th grade student

" My son had an awesome freshman year at Winter Springs HS. The Bear Academy is a great model for other schools to provide extra support for freshman students with individual needs. "

9th grade parent

" Winter Springs is very inclusive. There is a friendly atmosphere of acceptance and care for others. "

10th grade parent

" Many sports are available for students. Appreciate the safety they try to enforce. "

11th grade parent

" All the extra curricular activities offered as well as challenging classes in AP, Honors, and STEM. "

12th grade parent